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TO : DIRECTOR

JAN 15 1644Z 57

FROM : MUNICH (MUCO)

IN 34641

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INFO FRAN BONN

ROUTINE
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CITE MUCO 0050

1. DURING MEETING HEUSINGER 9 JAN, FOLLOWING OBTAINED:

A. FEDREP DEFENSE WILL CONCLUDE DECISION PURCHASE 800 CENTURIAN OR M-48 TANKS EARLY FEB. HEUSINGER ASKED WHAT U.S. TRUE WISHES ARE THIS MATTER. HE INFORMED THRU MAAG U.S. INTERESTED SELLING FEDREP M-48 TANKS. THIS VIEWED AS INCONSISTENT WITH LACK ACTIVE SALESMANSHIP. CONTRASTED BRITISH PRESSURE FEDREP OBTAIN MOST FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION PURCHASE CENTURIANS. EXAMPLE: DEMONSTRATION COMPARATIVE EFFECTIVENESS M-48 CENTURIANS IN ORDER INFLUENCE FEDREP, BRITISH LED DEMONSTRATION BY EIGHT GENERAL OFFICERS, WHEREAS U.S. DEMONSTRATION LED BY ONE COLONEL. FEDREP DEFENSE TACTICIANS AND TECHNICIANS PREFER M48S. DEFENSE MIN STRAUSS AND OTHER POLITICOS PREFER PURCHASE CENTURIANS AS POLITICAL CONSIDERATION BOOST BRITISH ECONOMY AND RESULT IN MORE FAVORABLE BRITISH ACTION CONTINUATION STATIONING COSTS. FEDREP BELIEVES BRITISH DEMAND 800 MILLION DM CONTINUED STATIONING COSTS THEIR FOUR DIVISIONS FEDREP WOULD BE REDUCED APPROX 75 PERCENT IF FEDREP DECIDES FAVOR OF CENTURIANS. IF WE INTERESTED SELL M-48S, HEUSINGER FEELS WE MUST INDICATE GREATER POSITIVE SALESMANSHIP, POSSIBLY REDUCE OVERALL PRICE (48 CENTURIAN APPROX IDENTICAL COST) BY SMALL AMOUNT.

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B. RELATIONS WITH DEFENSE MIN STRAUSS REPORTEDLY GOOD AND LATTER PLACES GREAT RELIANCE HEUSINGER. HOWEVER WE LEARNED FROM OTHER SOURCES HEUSINGER NO FAVORITE OF STRAUSS WHO PREFERS MORE FORCEFUL COMMANDER-TYPE GENERAL. POSITION OF FOUR STAR "INSPECTOR GENERAL" PROBABLY NOT BE ESTABLISHED PRIOR FEDREP ELECTIONS AS NEW LEGISLATION REQUIRED TO ESTABLISH POSITION. HEUSINGER OPINION HIS PRESENT POSITION AND THAT OF NEW INSPECTOR GENERAL WILL BE COMBINED. HEUSINGER CLAIMS TO HAVE NO IDEA WHETHER HE WILL BE CONSIDERED. REPORTEDLY TITLE INSPECTOR GENERAL MISNOMER. POSITION ACTUALLY THAT OF CHIEF OF STAFF OF COMBINED FORCES, WITH FULL COMMAND AUTHORITY. HEUSINGER CRITICAL STRAUSS POLITICAL AMBITIONS. REPORTEDLY HE OVERLY ANXIOUS MAKE NAME FOR SELF THAT HE ON OCCASION SACRIFICED SECURITY IN FAVOR PUBLICITY.

C. POSITION SPEIDEL AS FOUR-STAR COMANDER GROUND FORCES CENTRAL EUROPE COMMAND NOT RESOLVED. PREMATURE PUBLICITY VIEWED SOMEWHAT DETRIMENTAL TO FEDREP FILLING THIS SLOT. HEUSINGER REMARKED ADVERSE PUBLICITY RE 12 MONTH SUBSCRIPTION SUBSIDED, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW CONDITIONAL SIX MONTHS PROTRACTED COMPULSORY RESERVE TRAINING TO AGE 30.

D. HEUSINGER VERY IMPRESSED NEW COMMANDER FRENCH FORCES FEDREP GENERAL JACQUOT. LATTER REPORTEDLY FAR EASTERN EXPERT HAVING SERVED NUMBER YEARS INDO CHINA. HEUSINGER QUERIED JACQUOT RE HIS OPINION U.S. ATTITUDE RED CHINA. JACQUOT REPORTEDLY REMARKED THAT PROBLEM U.S. NON RECOGNITION RED CHINA AND COMMITMENT

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CHIANG KAISHEK PSYCHOLOGICAL RATHER THAN POLITICAL FACTOR. JACQUOT BELIEVES DEATH CHIANG KAISHEK WILL RESULT CHANGE U.S. POSITION. JACQUOT CONVINCED NATIONALIST CHINESE FORMOSA HAVE NO ASPIRATION RETURN RED CHINA AND WANT NOTHING MORE THAN RECOGNITION FORMOSA NEUTRAL NATION. HEUSINGER CLAIMS IF JACQUOT ANALYSIS CORRECT, HE HOPEFUL CHIANG KAISHEK WILL PASS OUT OF PICTURE AS HE FEELS ADMISSION RED CHINA U.N. AND U.S. ECONOMIC AID ESSENTIAL.

E. REGARDING NEHRU VISIT TO U.S., HEUSINGER REPORTEDLY LEARNED FROM UNIDENTIFIED SOURCE FORMER DID NOT FIND PRESIDENT EISENHOWER COMPLETE SYMPATHY HIS POLITICAL VIEWS. THIS REPORTEDLY PLEASED GERMANS (AT LEAST HEUSINGER) WHO CONSIDER NEHRU STILL NAIVE IN REFERENCE SOVIET INTENTIONS.

2. NOT KNOWN HERE WHETHER SUBSTANCE A ABOVE KNOWN AND REPORTED BY GEN RUFFNER OR BY ODACID. HEUSINGER APPEARED CONSIDERABLY FATIGUED AND NOT PRONE LENGTHY DISCUSSION. PLANNING HAVE HIM AS HOUSE GUEST DURING FEBRUARY.

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